

Moorland Parish Link

Postbridge - Widecombe - Ashburton
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Holne



Lord Jesus, make us wise,
keep us faithful and lead us to
your light

January 2016

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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A very happy New Year to you all.

When the people of God stood on the banks of the Jordan ready to cross to the Promised Land they were assured, 'you have never been this way before' (Joshua 3:4). At the beginning of a New Year, we don't know what the future holds or whether we will keep our resolutions.

On 6th January we celebrate the Epiphany, the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem and the gifts they brought for the child Jesus - gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold because he was King of the Jews, frankincense because he was to be worshipped as divine; and myrrh, because he would also become a sacrifice and die for his people.

When these wise men saw the star they left their home, probably in Persia, and set out on a long journey, the Magi 'had never been this way before'.

They came to worship Jesus the Messiah. The Wise Men were the very first non-Jews ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, his divinity or his sacrificial death. They worshipped him through faith in God's promises about him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

Compare that with the High Priest and religious leaders whom the Wise Men saw in Jerusalem when they first arrived. These head priests knew all about the prophecies of their own coming Messiah, but NOT ONE Jewish religious leader travelled to look for him in Bethlehem. And it is only six miles down the road!

So, as we begin 2016 let us walk into the unknown with Jesus, the light of the world. Jesus came for the people who walked in darkness and there are many who are walking in darkness today. We pray that they may see the light of Christ. Help us, as Christians, to shine your light into the darkness; for those caught up in crime to find another way; for refugees to find acceptance; for those in fear and conflict to know God's love and to pray for peace in the world.

May you have a peaceful and blessed 2016.

Every blessing.

Marion



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From the Editor

What should we do as we look forward to 2016?

If one of your New Year Resolutions is to this year share your faith with your loved ones and neighbours, here is some good news: recent research shows the most effective form of evangelism is a simple invitation to the local church.

However, many Christians are afraid to invite their friends and family. Reasons can include: 'I don't want my friend to suffer in church like I do', 'What if it damages my friendship?' and 'I don't want to be seen as strange'.

But we as Christians should go ahead with their invitation, anyway. "Noah looked strange building an ark in the desert and the Wise Men looked strange following yonder star. We may fear being ridiculed, but we actually need to become less self-conscious. If we wait for the perfect church, then we'll never invite anyone."

Queen's 90th Birthday

As a church community we are being encouraged to plan something for the weekend of 10-12 June 2016 to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and her role as head of the Church of England. The variety of potential forms for the celebrations is huge, from flower festivals to organ recitals, bell-ringing or choir festivals – and it is hoped that, wherever possible, every church will take part.

In addition, to coincide with the Queen's birthday it is hoped that every church will be able to organise an exhibition of the life of its parish over the previous 90 years. Such exhibitions should, by charting the changes in the lives of our communities since 1926, highlight the ways in which parish churches have been and remain the focus of those communities, and be a celebration both of our churches and of the people that they serve. Let me know of any ideas you have. **Have a Happy 2016**

Marion

PARISH OFFICE in Ashburton is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 - 11 am
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Holy Communion

Midweek & At Home

There is a service of
Holy Communion
every Wednesday
at 1030

at St. Andrew's Church
in Ashburton

You will be most welcome!



Communion at home

If you are unable to get to church because of ill health or loss of mobility and would like to receive communion at home please contact a member of the Ministry Team.

(see p.2 for contact details)

Church Services for January 2016

January 3rd		Epiphany		White	
<i>Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12; Psalm 72: 10-15</i>					
Widcombe	08.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Holne	10.30	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Family Worship	Ashburton	10.30	Family Worship
Leusdon	16.00	Evening Worship	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
January 10th		Baptism of Christ		White	
<i>Isaiah 43: 1-7; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17 & 21-22; Psalm 29</i>					
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Village Family Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Plough Sunday Service	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	11.00	Plough Sunday Service	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
Holne	18.00	Plough Sunday Evensong			
January 17th		Second Sunday of Epiphany		White	
<i>Isaiah 62: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11; Psalm 36: 5-10</i>					
Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Holne	10.30	Family Worship			joining Methodists for Covenant Service
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Bickington	10.30	Family Worship
Leusdon	11.00	Holy Communion	Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
January 24th		Third Sunday of Epiphany		White	
<i>Nehemiah 8: 1-3 & 5-6 & 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21; Psalm 19</i>					
Holne	09.00	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	16.00	Holy Communion	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
Postbridge	18.00	Evening Worship			
January 31st		Candlemas		White	
<i>Malachi 3: 1-5; Hebrews 2: 14-end; Luke 2: 22-40</i>					
Holne	10.30	Candlemas Service	Ashburton	10.30	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion			
Leusdon	16.00	Candlemas Service			





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Family Service

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January 3rd 10.30am

Messy Church

January 14th

St Andrew's Church Hall

Fun Size Service

St Andrew's Hall

January 17th 4.00pm

Breakfast @ 9am

January 31st

Town Hall

Contact Jane 654 067

Messy Church **Thursday January 14th** **St Andrew's Church Hall**

As you read this Christmas has been and gone.

I am writing this at the beginning of December having just come home from a wonderful Christingle Service in the Church Hall. The day was grey and the candles twinkled and the faces of the children glowed. We were enthralled by David telling us the history of the Christingle oranges and learnt that God provides inspiration.

When I look forward to 2016 and the Spring term, the theme is "Choose God's Way". In January we are looking at the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector from Luke 18 v 9-14. This will help us learn to look into our hearts and find our true motivation. This thought is always difficult, but we need to ask ourselves what Christ would think in our current situation. He is with us when we really believe and have faith. At the same time this parable teaches us not to make assumptions about other people.

We have our 5th Fun Size Church on the third Sunday, 17th January. Chloe and I have realised that in the winter 4pm would be a better time for everyone, as it gets so dark. So hopefully this will suit everyone for the spring term. I don't know what Chloe and Nick have in store for us, but I know it will be FUN. All God's blessing to you and your family, Jane

HELP US SPEND OUR LEGACY

Buckland in the Moor Church has been left funds to finance the purchase of a new keyboard/organ. Our present organist wishes to retire next year and is therefore happy to leave this choice to his successor.



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Phone Stephanie on 01364 652430 for a chat if you think you might be able to play for us, and so help us choose our new instrument.

General Team News

From the Registers

Dates for the Diary

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February 2016		
3rd	Leusdon Coffee Morning & Stalls	21
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Widcombe Fair

It's not always appreciated that this historic world-famous Fair is possible only because of the efforts of numerous local people who generously volunteer their time and energy. The success of their efforts is obvious to the thousands of visitors who enjoy Fair Day every year.

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Committee Secretary and a Press Officer

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Needs You!

But if these roles don't appeal don't worry. We need all sorts of other assistance as well. Whatever your expertise, experience or interest we can use your talents, for organizing events and classes, catering, field preparation or parking and traffic control or, indeed, any number of other activities.

If you think you can help, either with one of the above vacancies or in any other way at all please telephone Chairman Gerald Smerdon (01822 880201) for an informal chat, or e-mail him on gerald.postbridge@btconnect.com

Community Events and Notices



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We ask for one thing only: that you collect our scattered thoughts, getting rid of the confused and defiant thoughts that may distract us, and thus enable us to concentrate on your limitless generosity to us. You were abundantly generous to us last year, and will be no less generous to us next year, and in every year to come. Fill us with gratitude to you.

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Place	Total Rainfall	Days with-out rain	Wettest days
Widcombe	200.2 mm	1 day	6th 36.5 mm
			5th 17.1 mm
			4th 13.2 mm
Postbridge	263.5 mm (10.4")	1 day	6th 1.6 ins
	Nov 2014 - 204.3mm (8.0")		
Holne	258.7 mm (10.9")		29th 20.2 mm



Buckland Whist Drive



Saturday January 9th

Village Hall - start at 7.30pm.

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Church Services - see Page 6 for details www.holnechurch.org

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
3rd January	10.30		Christmas
10th January	18.00		Georgina/Marion
17th January	10.30		Georgina/Marion
24th January	10.30		Judy/Brenda B
31st January	10.30		Judy/Brenda B

Holne Prayer Group We meet every Thursday morning 0930-1000. New Venue to be arranged. Please contact Marion (643330) or Judy (631461). New members welcome. All information will be treated with strict confidentiality within the group.



SPECIAL SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sunday 10th January at 6.30pm

Evensong for PLOUGH SUNDAY

Plough Sunday is for celebrating farming and the work of farmers. It is a traditional English celebration at the beginning of the agricultural year.

Sunday 31st January at 10.30am

Candlemas Service



A service of candles and light to celebrate the presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple



Jesus - The Light of the World

Holne Garden Group

We will not be meeting in January. Our first meeting of 2016 will be the AGM in February, held on Feb 17th at 7:00 pm in Holne Village Hall.

This is our social gathering, with activities, prizes and home made cakes. More details in February issue of the Link

For more details, to join the group and to book outings, contact Judy Henderson 01364 631461 or Judy Le Marchant 01364 644099





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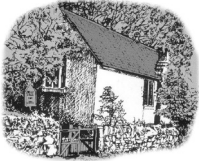
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A New Year

With carol services and Christmas now in the past, our thoughts turn to the year ahead. The snowdrops are already showing through the grass which surrounds the Chapel, so once again we are promised a wonderful display. Do come and visit in February, even if you have been before. Further snowdrop news next month.

2016 is 'Quinquenniel' year for several of the churches on Dartmoor including St Raphael's. All Anglican church buildings have to be inspected by a specialist architect every five years. A report is produced about the condition of the building.

These inspections are very thorough and the report usually contains many recommendations which are graded according to the urgency or importance of the issue. The Churchwardens are then responsible for ensuring that the necessary repairs and maintenance are carried out.

Our last inspection was conducted in 2011 and I am pleased to report that thanks to several grants, the generosity of individuals and some hard graft by a small team of volunteers, all the work listed in the recommendations of the 2011 report, has been completed along with some additional improvements.

Sustaining Rural Churches

Further to the item in last month's Link regarding the addition of a composting toilet, Dartmoor Forest Parish Council has made a generous grant towards the cost – many thanks! At the time of writing the results of other grant applications are awaited and any donations towards this project will be very welcome.

Pleasingly, requests are being made to use the Chapel for events and activities in addition to Sunday services. The acoustics in the building are very good and there is flexibility in using the space.

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Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers
				<i>Altar</i>
3rd January	16.00	Norma	-	
10th January	11.00	Shan	Shan	
17th January	11.00	Peter	Norma	
24th January	16.00	Liz	Liz	
31st January	16.00	Shan	Norma	



The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist Leusdon is pleased that from 1st January 2016 the responsibility for the Pastoral Care of Leusdon will become the responsibility of the Team Vicar, Rev. Geoffrey Fenton. He is adding this to his existing pastoral responsibility for the parish of Widecombe and its Daughter Parish of Postbridge.

Historically Leusdon church has always been closely associated with Widecombe church. In 1863 when it was built it was a Daughter Church of Widecombe before becoming a separate ecclesiastical parish. In 1950 it again became formally linked to Widecombe whose vicar took overall responsibility for it.

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Another successful Coffee morning to end the year, £284 was raised towards the running costs of the Hall.

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None in January but see you all again on the 1st Wednesday in February. Happy New Year



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Many thanks for 2015 'Moor' support -

Leusdon PCC would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who contributed to making our church events & special services such a great success . As a result of our fundraising, we have been able to complete work to the church tower and replace some rotten interior timberwork .

It was fantastic to have more people come and join in for a day and help arrange a flower display , run a stall , make a cakes & pour tea . A special thank you to Peter Reynolds and team for such a meaningful display for the Flower Festival & to Mary Pascoe for her exhibits and information on local post offices . Finally , we would like to thank the people who work all year and give their time to help the church including , opening , closing & cleaning it, church yard maintenance , the flower ladies and all those who work behind the scenes .

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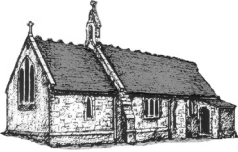
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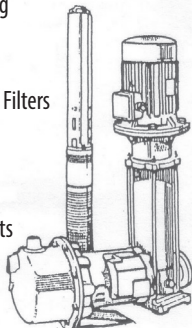
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High Moorland Women's Institute wish everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Our first meeting is not until February 2016. Details in next issue.

Look forward to seeing you, but if you need any further information please do give me a call on 01822 880395.

Sue Hammett

PRINCETOWN ACTIVITIES

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January 3rd	10.30	Audrey Mortimore	Penny Whale	Christmas
January 10th	10.30	Peter Dracup	Wendy Cruze	Marian & Jenny
January 17th	10.30	Clare Born	Dawn & Betty	Marian & Jenny
January 24th	10.30	John Mousley	Mike & Miffy	Judy Southcombe
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Jan 6th New Year's Party

Feb 3rd Armageddon: *with Robert Hesketh*
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Mar 2nd How the Devon History Society works *with Phillippe Planel*

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The services for **JANUARY** are as follows :

Please note that from January onwards there will be a meeting at Dunstone chapel every Sunday morning at 9am. Sometimes this will be a service but mostly an informal time of worship and fellowship with breakfast as well.

Sunday 3rd	9am at Dunstone	3pm at Poundsgate led by Rev'd Kevin Hooke
Sunday 10th	9am at Dunstone	3pm at Dunstone led by Rev'd Jon Doble
Sunday 17th	9am at Dunstone	
Sunday 24th	9am at Dunstone	2.30pm Moor Church with Rev'd Kevin Hooke
Sunday 31st	9am at Dunstone	

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